



Beaconsfield Film Society

The Constitution

1. Name

The Society shall be known as the Beaconsfield Film Society, referred to below as The Society.

2. Objectives

The objectives of The Society are:

- a) To enable members, to enjoy and be entertained by the medium of film.
- b) To advance the education of members, in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of film.
- c) To encourage interest in film as an art form as a medium and the distribution of information by the screening of films of artistic, cultural or scientific character.
- d) To promote the study and appreciation of films by such means as talks and discussions.

3. Membership

- a) Membership of The Society is open to anyone over the age of sixteen, on payment of the current fee and at the discretion of the committee.
- b) The annual membership fee shall be set by the committee and notified to members in the annual Renewal of Membership notice.
- c) Membership of The Society shall entitle the holder to attendance at all film screenings (upon payment of the screening fee) and General meetings.
- d) Membership of The Society shall entitle the holder to priority booking for any other events for which an additional charge may be made.
- e) Membership of The Society shall entitle the holder to one vote at Annual or other General meetings.

4. Management

- a) The business of The Society shall be managed by a Committee of at least 4 members and no more than 6. The Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such other Officers as may, from time to time, be appointed.
- b) The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until their successors are elected at the next AGM or after a maximum of three years.
- c) The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be 3.
- d) The Society shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee or upon written request being made of the Committee signed by at least 50% of members.
- e) The quorum for General Meetings shall be 33% of Members.
- f) The Society shall be non-political, ie it shall not espouse the cause of any political party.
- g) The Society shall not be run for the private profit of a Member or Members. Any balance at the end of the year shall be carried over and devoted to the objectives of The Society.
- h) No committee members shall receive payment directly or indirectly for their services or for anything other than legitimate expenses incurred in work for The Society.
- i) Accounts will be produced annually and inspected by an independent person.
- j) The Society shall not be wound up except by a resolution of 75% of those present at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. In the event of a winding up, the remaining funds of The Society shall not be distributed among the Members, but be passed to a non-profit making organisation or organisations with objectives similar to those of The Society. Such organisations shall be chosen by the Committee.

5. Alteration of Rules

No alteration of rules shall be made except by a resolution of 67% of those present at a General Meeting. No amendment shall be made which would cause The Society to cease to be a not-for-profit organisation.